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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3 and 4 to read as follows:1

3. (Amended) The ceramic heater for heating a semiconductor wafer according to claim 1,

wherein said temperature-measuring means is a temperature-measuring element.

4. (Amended) The ceramic heater for heating a semiconductor wafer according to claim 1,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>A marked-up copy of the claim amendments is attached hereto.